

The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
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The Honorable William Lacy Clay
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ann Wagner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of Congress:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2014, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, about our work at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. My EPA Region 7 colleagues and I understand your concerns about the pace of work at West Lake and take the responsibility of ensuring the health and safety of this community very seriously.

I have carefully considered your recommendation that the EPA explore working with the Army Corps of Engineers. I have recently spoken with Colonel Christopher Hall, commanding the St. Louis District of the Army Corps of Engineers, about ways in which his Corps District can assist the EPA in discharging this agency's duties at the site. As these conversations continue, I look forward to keeping you and your staff advised on the progress we are making in response to this request.

Please be assured that the EPA, working with our federal and state partners, including the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the Missouri Departments of Health and Senior Services and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, continues to review the health evidence at West Lake. To date this evidence establishes that West Lake and the adjoining Bridgeton Landfill continue to be managed in a way that protects the health and safety of Missourians who live and work nearby. We also believe that the legal orders imposed by the EPA Region 7 and the State of Missouri are currently protective of the health and safety of contractor employees currently working at the site.

Thank you again for your letter. I look forward to continuing our open dialogue on this important issue. The EPA remains committed to ensuring the health and safety of the West Lake community.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-551-7006, or your staff may call LaTonya Sanders, Congressional Liaison, at 913-551-7555.

Sincerely,

Karl Brooks

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